

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated July 2, 2008 and the Advisory Action dated November 4, 2008. Claims 1, 4 to 7, 9 to 12 and 14 to 16 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 12 are independent.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended further to the October 2, 2008 Amendment After Final Rejection, entry of which is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The November 4, 2008 Advisory Action alleges that the October 2, 2008 Amendment raises issues of new matter. In particular, the Advisory Action at page 2 contends that there is no support for the feature “so as to confirm completion of write processing.” Independent Claims 1 and 12 have been amended without conceding the correctness of this contention, and the amendments to Claims 1 and 12 are seen to obviate this contention.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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